THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Preliminary survey has been conducted for Zonal Office at Hubli. Action plan is being made.

Modification of Platform at Hubli

734. SHRI S. R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no steps have been taken to restructure the Railway Platforms after conversion of the track between Bangalore and Hubli into broad gauge even after three years, with the result that thousands of passengers are put to inconvenience every day;

(b) whether, Government would initiate steps to modify the platform at Hubli Railway Station, to suit the broad gauge trains; and

(c) if so, any time frame which has been fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Platform Nos. 3 & 4 at Hubli railway station are already high level. The Work of raising of platform Nos. 1 & 2 from low level at present to high level has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 14 lakhs and the work has been awarded for execution. The likely date of completion is June, 2002.

Great Himalayan Quake

735. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:
SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, Great Himalayan Quake waiting to happen: Indo-US Expert, appearing in the Indian Express of 24th August, 2001;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made on the basis of this report; and